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TAGS: OVIP (PRINCE GYANENDRA)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF HRH PRINCE GYANENDRA

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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONVEYING A FEW FINAL DETAILS TO PALACE AND CABLING REPLIES IN TIME FOR DEPARTMENT'S FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH NEPALESE EMBASSY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KHATRI DEPART FRIDAY EVENING FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

2. DECEMBER 2 FLIGHT FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES: SMITHSONIAN ADVISES THAT CHANGING THE FLIGHT TIME WOULD DISRUPT COMPLEX LOGISTICS ALREADY LAID ON FOR THE WHOLE DAY, INVOLVING CLOSE SCHEDULING OF RELAYS OF CARS AND FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE VEHICLES. CHANGE WOULD ALSO BE VERY INCONVENIENT FOR PERSONAL SCHEDULES OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS. THUS, IF TRH'S ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE 8 AM FLIGHT, THIS WOULD MEAN IN EFFECT CANCELLING THE WHOLE VISIT TO THE
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BIRD SANCTUARY. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT HRH WILL NOT WISH

TO DO THAT, WE HAVE MAINTAINED EXISTING RESERVATIONS FOR 8 AM FLIGHT. THEY CAN DISCUSS FURTHER WITH RIPLEY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

3. FURTHER INVITATIONS IN LOS ANGELES: LES DAMES HAS EXTENDED INVITATION FOR A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF TRH'S ON EVENING OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3. MR. AND MRS. JUSTIN DART HAVE INVITED TRH'S TO DINNER AT THEIR RESIDENCE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4. REQUEST INDICATION OF WHETHER TRH'S WISH TO ACCEPT.

4. SMITHSONIAN IN WASHINGTON: IN FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, SMITHSONIAN IS OFFERING TO HOST LUNCH AT 12:30 FOLLOWING TOUR OF ZOO. SMITHSONIAN ALSO FEELS THAT 2 OR 3 HOURS ON FRIDAY WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO SEE ALL THEY HAD HOPED TO SHOW TO TRH'S, AND PROPOSES THAT MUSEUM TOUR BE CONTINUED ON MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER 13, FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS. REQUEST INDICATION WHETHER THIS IS AGREEABLE TO TRH'S.

5. NEW YORK HOTEL: NEPALESE UN MISSION IS WORKING ON THIS, BUT IS NOT YET ABLE TO GIVE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER. ROBINSON

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